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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Modesto – Thousands of Marijuana Plants Seized in Raid of Illegal Growing Operation

(U) Law enforcement officers say they eradicated thousands of marijuana plants after a raid of an illegal growing operation near Modesto. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office says they served a search warrant at a property yesterday morning. Approximately 6,000 marijuana plants were seized and during the operation, the sheriff's office says. Two people were also arrested in connection to the raid.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [CBS 13 Sacramento](#)

(U) Roseville – Police Uncover Massive Alleged EDD Fraud Ring

(U) Detectives say an investigation that started with a traffic stop in Roseville last year eventually took down a suspected California Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud ring with 200 known victims. In November 2020, Roseville police officers pulled over Bruce Anderson and Candice Carty, both Suisun City residents, who were arrested. Police didn't disclose what prompted the traffic stop, but the investigation into the pair resulted in the seizure of approximately \$11,000 in cash, \$90,000 worth of jewelry, drugs packed for sale, and a loaded .40-caliber handgun. In December 2020, four locations in Suisun City, Fairfield, and Hayward were served search warrants as the investigation into the pair continued. More than \$400,000 in cash and property was seized in those searches, police say. Evidence of a large-scale EDD fraud network involving at least 200 victims was discovered in the searches, detectives say.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [CBS 13 Sacramento](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Launching Operation to Stop Smuggling Groups at Southern Border

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security is launching a new operation to target transnational criminal organizations that smuggle immigrants across the southern US border, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas announced yesterday. Through "Operation Sentinel," DHS will partner with the State Department, FBI, and the DEA to disrupt smuggling organizations' access to profit.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – At Least 400 People Charged for Involvement in US Capitol Insurrection

(U) Washington – The Justice Department has charged at least 400 people in connection with the 6 January insurrection at the US Capitol. The 400 known defendants come from 43 states and Washington, DC. The federal inquiry has added several defendants nearly each day since the attack, and federal prosecutors said in a recent court filing that they expect to charge at least 500 people. There are hundreds of still-unidentified photographs of rioters on the FBI's "most wanted" website, indicating that plenty of people who stormed the Capitol haven't been charged yet, with the investigation continuing.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [CNN](#)

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(U) Puerto Rico – USCG Seizes \$75M Worth of Cocaine from Semi-Submersible Submarine

(U) San Juan – A US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Operations (AMO) aircraft assisted the US Coast Guard (USCG) to seize approximately 2,500-kilograms of cocaine from a semi-submersible vessel. The shipment of cocaine has a wholesale value of approximately \$75 million. A Federal Grand Jury in the District of Puerto Rico returned a four-count indictment charging three individuals with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance aboard a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as well as violations of the Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act.

SOURCE: 26 April 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Burkina Faso – Two Spanish Reporters, Irish Activist Killed in Ambush

(U) Ouagadougou – Two Spanish journalists and the Irish director of a wildlife foundation were killed Monday in an ambush in eastern Burkina Faso, the Spanish government and officials in the African country said yesterday. The two journalists were working with the wildlife campaigner on a documentary about poachers in a national park bordering Benin when they were attacked by gunmen, Spain's Foreign Minister Arancha González Laya said in a press conference in Madrid. The Irish victim was identified as Rory Young, director of the Chengeta Wildlife Foundation. At the time of the attack, the three victims were traveling with an anti-poaching patrol with about 40 people.

SOURCE: 27 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) France – Former Members of Italian Red Brigades Arrested in France

(U) Paris – Seven Italians convicted of left-wing domestic terrorist crimes, including several former members of the Red Brigades, were arrested in France today, the French presidency said in a statement. French police made the arrests on warrants seeking the suspects in Italy for “acts of terrorism,” the statement said. The arrested individuals had fled Italy and sought refuge abroad before they could be imprisoned to serve their sentences. Police in France were searching for three others who were not at home. Crimes for which some of those arrested were convicted in Italy include the 1980 killing of a Carabinieri paramilitary general and the 1980 kidnapping of a judge.

SOURCE: 28 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Indonesia – Authorities Seize 2.5-Tons of Methamphetamine

(U) Jakarta – Indonesian police said they shot dead one person and arrested 17 others as they broke up a major drug ring attempting to smuggle more than 5,000-pounds of methamphetamine from Afghanistan. Police found the first load of more than 1,278-tons board a ship that docked in Aceh Besar district on 10 April. Five days later, police seized another 1,267-tons from Aceh Barat district, said the chief of Indonesia’s National Police, Listyo Sigit Prabowo.

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